Targets of NHAI

†3255. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target set by National Highways Authority of India for execution of its projects during the years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 and the extent to which this target has been achieved year-wise;

(b) the reasons for delay in completion of the projects and the financial losses suffered by the Authority for these reasons, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to remove all such flows in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H MUNIAPPA): (a) The targets of performance of National Highways Authority of India fixed during the years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 and the targets achieved are given as under:

(Length in km.)

Year	Target	Achievement
2001-02	515.17	270.76
2002-03	534.71	391.36
2003-04	2195.97	763.33
2004-05	2896.10	2348.47

(b) There have been some delays due to problems associated with acquisition of land, shifting of utilities, environment and forest clearances, poor performance of contractors, law & order problems etc. However, it is expected that the expenditure on contracts will not differ substantially from the estimated cost allowing for escalation.

(c) The steps taken by Government to expedite the projects are enclosed as statement.

Statement

Steps taken to Expedite the Completion of the Projects of National Highways Authority of India

(i) The Contracts are regularly monitored at various levels such as by Supervision Consultants/Independent Engineers, Project

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Directors, National Highways Authority of India officials at Headquarters.

(ii) State Governments have appointed Senior officers as nodal officers for resolving problems associated with implementation of the National Highways Development Project such as land acquisition, removal of utilities, forest/pollution/environment clearances etc.

(iii) A Committee of Secretaries has been constituted to address inter-ministerial and Central-States issues such as land acquisition, utility shifting, environment approvals, clearance of Road Over Bridges etc.

(iv) To expedite the construction of Road Over Bridges, an officer of the Railways has been posted to National Highways Authority of India to coordinate with the Railways. Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with M/s IRCON International Limited.

Congestion on roads

3256. PROF. SAIF-DU-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is a lot of congestion on roads in Delhi and other major cities in India; and

(b) if so, whether Government would make a comprehensive scheme to strengthen and popularize Public Transport in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Urban transport, being a part of urban development is a State subject and therefore, the issues such as congestion on roads in urban areas require to be suitably addressed by the concerned State Governments. However, with a view to providing an overall policy framework as well as a comprehensive approach to matters releating to urban transportation and to guide the financial assistance of the Central Government in this field, the Ministry of Urban Development has formulated a Draft National Policy on Urban Transport. The key focus of the policy is to encourage public transport and